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the product, and (B) at least a sticker identifying the contents contained within the packaging material as being an oxidizing agent, wherein when using the contents of the package at said dosage rates in the aqueous medium of a member of said group (a) the molar quantity of said at least one 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dialkylhydantoin introduced into the aqueous medium of said member is less than the molar quantity of N,N'-bromochloro-5,5-dimethylhydantoin that would be required to effect the same degree of microbiological control in said water, (b) the quantity of said at least one 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dialkylhydantoin introduced into the water of said member releases an amount of "free chlorine" that is greater than the amount of "free chlorine" that would be released in said water by an equimolar quantity of N,N'-bromochloro-5,5-dimethylhydantoin, and (c) the amount of "free chlorine" released by the quantity of said at least one 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dialkylhydantoin introduced into the water of said member is greater than the amount of "free chlorine" that could be predicted to be released by that quantity of said at least one 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dialkylhydantoin on the basis of the amount of "free chlorine" that would be released in said water by an equimolar quantity of N,N'-bromochloro-5,5-dimethylhydantoin.

2. (Amended) An article of manufacture of Claim 1 wherein said biocidal composition contained within said packaging material is compacted 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin formed from 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin having an average particle size of at least 175 microns.

3. (Amended) An article of manufacture of Claim 2 wherein said at least one biocidally-inactive ingredient is a binder or a manufacturing by-product, or both.

4. (Amended) An article of manufacture of Claim 1 wherein said compacted 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin is in the compacted form of granules, nuggets, pellets, tablets, briquettes, or pucks.

5. (Amended) An article of manufacture of Claim 1 wherein said biocidal composition that is contained within said packaging material is at least 99 wt% 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin in the form of granules.

6. (Amended) An article of manufacture of Claim 2 wherein said biocidal composition that is contained within said packaging material is in a compacted form selected from granules, nuggets, pellets, tablets, briquettes, and pucks, and wherein at least one biocidally-inactive ingredient that is contained in said biocidal composition is a synthetic polyolefin-based hydrocarbon wax binder or a micronized synthetic polyfluorocarbon wax binder, or both.

7. (Amended) An article of manufacture of Claim 5 wherein said label or another label associated with said packaging material include at least one of the following:

- a) description of environmental hazards associated with discharge of the composition into the environment;
- b) description of physical and chemical hazards, and indications of how to avoid or at least reduce such hazards in use;
- c) advice on storage of the product, and on disposal of the product and containers;
- d) advice concerning practical treatment and first aid to be used in the event of contact of the composition with eyes or skin, or if the composition is ingested (swallowed) or inhaled;
- e) directions for use, including but not limited to dosage rates associated with specified use patterns; and
- f) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registration number, EPA establishment number, and name and address of the registrant.

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26. (Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a packaging material and a biocidal composition contained within said packaging material, wherein said biocidal composition consists essentially of a combination of (a) and (b), wherein (a) consists of (i) at least 95 wt% of at least one 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dialkylhydantoin in which one of the alkyl groups in the 5-position is a methyl group and the other alkyl group in the 5-position contains in the range of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and (ii) optionally, up to 5 wt% of at least one biocidally-inactive ingredient selected from a binder, a filler, an excipient, a dye or colorant, a perfume, a stabilizer, and/or a manufacturing by-product; and (b) is at least one non-fluid biocidally-active water treating agent other than, and compatible with, said at least one 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dialkylhydantoin, wherein the weight ratio of (a) to (b) is in the range of 0.1:0.4 to 99.9:0.1, and optionally (c) at least one biocidally-inactive ingredient, and wherein said packaging material comprises at least a label suitably identifying the name of the product in the package, and at least a sticker identifying the contents as being an oxidizing agent.

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40. (Amended) A method of providing a microbiological control agent for use in treating water, which method comprises purveying an article of manufacture comprising a packaging material and a biocidal composition contained within said packaging material, wherein said biocidal composition consists essentially of (a) 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin; (b) at least one non-fluid biocidally-active water treating agent that is other than a 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dialkylhydantoin and that is compatible with 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin, wherein the weight ratio of (a) to (b) is in the range of 9:1 to 99.9:0.1; and (c) at least one biocidally-inactive ingredient which comprises a binder or a manufacturing by-product, or both, wherein the amount of (c) is no more than 3 wt% of the 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin within said packaging material and wherein said packaging material comprises at least a label suitably identifying the name of the product in the package, and at least a sticker identifying the contents as being an oxidizing agent.